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The Annexation Meeting.

A mass meeting in the interest of an-
nexation will be held in the assembly
hall of the Chamber of Commerce to-mor-
row (Monday) evening at 8:15 o'clock.
The following gentlemen have been in-
vited to speak on several important phases
of the question, and have consented to
do so:

Colonel George Wayne Anderson, the
patron of the measure, popularly known
as the "Anderson bill," rendered neces-
sary by a provision in the new
Constitution of Virginia, will explain
the general law regulating the extension
of the corporate limits of cities and towns
in the State, which is a most equitable
one, and is new in many of its features.

And Messrs. Joseph Bryan and A. B.
Williams will address the meeting upon
the necessity, which exists for an expan-
sion of our city limits, and the advantages
to be derived therefrom.

Colonel W. E. Cuthaw had consented
to explain the plan of annexation proposed
by the Committee of the Council on Ordi-
nances, Charter and Reform, and the rea-
sons for the delineation of the territory
which it is proposed to annex, but on ac-
count of the present status of the ques-
tion before the committee, now finds him-
self unable to do so, with due regard
to his official position.

After the set addresses have been de-
livered, the question will be open for
general discussion by citizens of Rich-
mond.

It will be an educational meeting and
the subject in all its phases will be dis-
cussed. All who feel an interest in an-
nexation, all who have views to present
and all who wish to be informed should
attend the meeting.

Virginia Lands.

The Department of Agriculture in Wash-
ington, under the direction of that wise
man, Secretary James Wilson, is doing
a great work for the farmers and indi-
rectly for the country at large. It is
a department of education, and during
the past four years it has sent out ap-
proximately 200,000,000 pieces of literature
touching in one way or another not only
the farming-interests, but many commer-
cial interests.

In the work of this department may be
mentioned first of all the weather re-
ports. It is claimed that the storm warn-
ings alone have saved to the owners of
ocean-going vessels more than \$50,000,000
in four years, while special storm warn-
ings have been the means of saving large
sums to the farmer and the fruit grower.
One of the greatest sources of wealth is
farm animals and their products, the es-
timated value being about three and a
half billion dollars. Through its inspec-
tion and quarantine service its studies
of diseases of animals and the means of
combating them, its dairy and other
work, the department is aiding not only
farmers, but many commercial interests.
In four years the bureau has inspected
more than 27,000,000 animals before slaugh-
ter and nearly 348,000,000 animals after
slaughter and as a result the people have
been assured that their meats were free
from disease and foreigners could find no
ground for excluding our meat products.

Four years ago the Bureau of Plant In-
dustry made its first introduction of mac-
aroni wheats. These wheats are dis-
tributed in the semi-arid districts of the
Northwest, and as a result, there has
been built up an industry which this
year will bring the country between ten
and twelve million dollars. The production
of these wheats the first year was
75,000 bushels; the second year, 2,000,000
bushels; the third year, 10,000,000 bushels,
and this year between 12,000,000 and 15,
000,000 bushels.

There is much more information of the
same sort in an article in Harper's Week-
ly, by Beverly T. Galloway, chief of the
Bureau of the Department of Agriculture,
in which he shows what may be done for
agriculture by intelligent direction. In a
modest way, our Department of Agricul-
ture in Virginia is doing a similar work.
Commissioner Kolner is now occupied
most of his time either in entertaining vis-
iters who are coming here with a view
to purchasing Virginia lands or answer-
ing letters on the same subject from out-
side inquirers.

Many of our Virginia lands are poor
because they have been "worked to
death." But they can soon be restored
to great fertility by growing upon them
rich vegetable matter and turning it back
into the soil to decay. Commissioner

Kolner is kept busy instructing new
settlers in these simple lessons, and where
his directions have been followed, so
far as he can ascertain, the results have
been satisfactory, and many instances
can be cited where settlers have bought
lands at \$4 and \$5 per acre, treated them
in this way and in a few years made
them worth \$50 and \$60 an acre.

Every such settler is himself a good
advertisement for the State and many
such settlers have been brought in as a
result of our advertisement at the St.
Louis Exposition. Mr. Kolner is doing
his work well, but his department lacks
means, and we believe that it would be
wise for the General Assembly to give to
the department a liberal advertising fund.

Good Work of Civic Improve- ment League.

The reviving desires of the New Year
seem to turn spontaneously to civic af-
fairs in Richmond. The Joint Commit-
tee on Progress has been much in evi-
dence of late. The Chamber of Com-
merce holds a mass meeting on Monday
night and at the same time the Civic
Improvement League holds its annual
meeting at the Mechanics' Institute. At
the end of the first year's work of the
Civic Improvement League we think that
full recognition should be accorded this
organization for the valuable public ser-
vice which it has already performed, as
well as for the promise of good which
its organized effort holds for a better
Richmond from every civic aspect. The
Civic Improvement League in its ef-
forts varies no whit from other similar
organizations, which have sprung up all
over America in answer to the insistent
demand for better conditions of life in
our great cities. As we are informed,
and as we have seen the aims of the Civic
Improvement League are rather to make
the city more desirable as a place of
residence for those who are already citi-
zens than to act as an organization for
business exploitation.

When The Times-Dispatch took the
new step last year of giving away
flower seeds, which experiment proved
so successful that it will be repeated
again this spring, the Civic Improvement
League furnished the committee for judg-
ing the work done by the children. In
addition to this, the Civic Improvement
League is doing a wonderful work of edu-
cation by distributing information of the
most stimulating sort, showing what other
cities in like situations have done and
are doing to make their cities greater,
their drainage more sanitary, their wa-
ter purer, their parks larger and their
playgrounds more useful. A year ago the
word playground was an unknown quan-
tity in our civic equation. To-day, thanks
to the Civic Improvement League, this
absolutely essential adjunct to sound city
growth has been given a satisfactory and
encouraging trial and has demonstrated
that for Richmond as well as other cities
the playground is an investment of un-
doubted value.

It is a pity that everybody cannot at-
tend the Chamber of Commerce and
Civic Improvement meeting at the same
time, but no citizen who has the welfare
of this community at heart will go astray
in attending either. Both organizations
are accomplishing in their respective lines
an essential work for our community.

The Year of Reconciliation.

The Federal Government has ordered
the return of all the Confederate flags
captured in battle during the war between
the States.
The United States Senate, by official
act, has obliterated the word "rebellion,"
as officially applied to the Confederate
cause.
The New York Sun of March 10 pub-
lished the following news item:
TRENTON, N. J., March 9.—A con-
current resolution, which was introduced
in the House, to-day by Assemblyman
Coyne, directing Governor Stokes to re-
turn to the Governor of North Carolina
the Confederate flag captured by the
Ninth New Jersey Volunteers in the bat-
tle of Newbern, N. C., on March 4, 1862,
was referred to the Committee on Mil-
itary Affairs.

The flag presented to the "Beaufort
Ploughboys" by the ladies of Beaufort
is now in a vault in the State Capitol.
It is proposed to restore it to the North
Carolinians in May, when the monument
to be erected to the Ninth New Jersey
and in the National Cemetery at New-
bern is dedicated. Mr. Coyne announced
that the survivors of the Ninth Regiment
approved of the return of the flag.

If any Southern State now has a flag
or flags captured from Northern troops
during the war, or otherwise obtained,
such flag or flags should be returned
voluntarily and graciously. Let us be
as generous as our former foes at the
North. Let the good work of reconcilia-
tion go on.

The Fight and the Finish.

"It isn't the fact that you are licked
that counts; it is how did you fight and
why?"

The mistake which most of us make
in our pursuits and endeavors, the mis-
take which worries and sometimes dis-
courage us is that we think too much about
results. It is true that we all love to
win; it is true that there is no pleasure
quite so sweet as the pleasure of suc-
cess; it is true that failure is hard to
bear; but the philosophy of life is to act
well your part and let the results take
care of themselves. Fortunately for frail
humanity, the Good Lord does not hold
us responsible for results, provided only
we have done the best we could.

The laws of nature are logical and in-
exorable and whatsoever a man soweth
that shall he also reap. Nature is mer-
ciless; nature does not forgive; nature holds
us to account and makes us suffer for
our mistakes as well as for our misad-
ventures. But it is not so with the Righteous
Judge; he looks to the processes, he
looks to the motives; he looks to con-
duct. It is a hard saying and a false
saying that the way to hell is paved with
good intentions; on the contrary, the way

to heaven is paved with good intentions.
The Lord has respect for the good pur-
pose and if the motive be good and if
the endeavor be good, no matter how
many mistakes are made, He will take
care of the results by and by. Otherwise
there would be no consolation in life;
otherwise there would be no hope; other-
wise we might as well eat and drink and
be merry and take no thought of the
morrow. We can only control motives
and conduct; we cannot control condi-
tions or results.

Let us make the best fight we can,
dearly beloved, and if we fight well, it
matters not so much that we are licked,
even though we may smart and chafe
for a while. Robert E. Lee was licked,
but he was grander and more splendid
at Appomattox than upon the field of
victory in other engagements. He fought
a good fight, and to-day he is held as
high as those who fought and won.

Judge Mann's Announcement.

Judge William H. Mann, candidate for
the Democratic nomination for Gover-
nor, is out in an interview reiteration
and amplifying the statements he made
in his card of announcement published
last April, and to which we have more
than once referred.

Judge Mann says that he is a Democrat
and not a member of the Prohibition
party. He further declares that he has
never voted any but the Democratic ticket,
and has never, until this campaign, had
his Democracy questioned. In view of
these facts, The Times-Dispatch has in-
sisted that he cannot be excluded from
the Democratic primary.

As to his views on the liquor ques-
tion, Judge Mann believes that "the De-
mocratic party should enact and enforce
such laws as will so regulate the liquor
traffic as to best conserve the moral and
material interests of the people;" but
he also holds that "these laws should
only be passed when demanded by a
strong public sentiment which will secure
their enforcement."

There are many good Democrats in
the State who heartily concur in that view.

"Follow Me."

(Selected for The Times-Dispatch.)
"And He saith unto them, Follow Me;
and they straightway left their nets and
followed Him."—St. Matt. ix: 9-10.

It is morning upon the shining Lake of
Genevieve. The hills are bright around
the lake, the fleecy clouds drift in the
sapphire sky and the lake itself, all dimples,
was dancing in the sunshine. Every-
thing was full of life and hope and youth.
"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of
Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon, called
Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a
net into the sea; for they were fishers.
And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and
I will make you fishers of men. And
they straightway left their nets and fol-
lowed Him."

They went out of the old life into the
new; went to a friendship and a work
which were to fill their days with re-
light and inspiration. They went to new
thoughts, new hopes, new duties.
But did they get nothing else? Are
they not burdened with dangers they did
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loyal to this new Master involved the
chance to be also disloyal to Him. The
privilege of faithfulness carries with it
the peril of unfaithfulness.

And so it is with every call, with every
privilege. To the rich man there re-
turn health. As he leaps from his bed
and goes back into outdoor life, does
there not come a power of active, wick-
edness as well as active goodness?

To the poor man wealth is given. May
he not develop meanness as well as
charity? To the childless God gives an
heir. All the sins of fatherhood as well
as his noble virtues come possible when
he first takes that child into his arms.

No wonder that to any serious man
privilege becomes a solemn thing. There
is where sin is born; there is the first
opening of the chance of sin. No wonder
that the answer to a call from God is
spoken with lips that tremble with fear,
while they burn with love. No wonder
that a man sits in his enriched life
hardly knowing whether he is glad or
sorry, avowed or oppressed by the blessings
bestowed in answer to his prayer.

Will you, therefore, reject the privi-
leges which bring such dangers with
them? There are two kinds of fear—one
mean and paralyzing, the other noble
and stimulating. There may be danger,
but to the manly sort there comes a
softness which is breezy and not despair.

It is life itself which is the dangerous
privilege. The chance to sin lies wrap-
ped up in the very fact that we are men.
He could not have lofty hopes of heaven
without having also the haunting fear of
hell. There is the only real light we get
on the problem of evil. It is unthinkable
that a man should have the chance of
being good without the other chance of
being bad. No man can escape that issue
but he escapes life itself.

You may discern this or that special
call which comes to you, and to seem to
have escaped the danger of those special
sins which were awaiting you down those
paths, but still your human life remains.
Still while you live you must be good
or bad.

How wonderful is this human nature,
which, in a word, is filled with this
truth; still with moral, buoyancy takes up
its privileges with undying hope!

Wonderful is that ineradicable heroism
of humanity, which makes danger a ne-
cessary element of joy. The wisest man
goes out with life, not with depression, but
with serious joy, bearing within him the
consciousness of privilege, made a
critical, made pathetic, made even glo-
rious by their possibility of wickedness.

There is a turn in every life when the
Christ calls. Have you heard your call?
You do not deny the call, but how to
carry it out? You have nothing to do
with that.

"Follow Me!" it is loving, but it is im-
perative as well. You may say, "It may
mean a great tax upon my strength. It
may mean a rash adventure. I may
not be equal to the occasion."

The call does not end with "Follow
Me." He who spoke these words added
others, which still every misgiving of the
modest heart. "Those others are, 'I will
make you.' He who gives the call, gives

the power, also. We are to come out at
the bidding of God to do God's wish
with God's strength.

How are we to know when the divine
call really comes? The answer is clear.
Know that your call is from above if it
involves sacrifice. You need know no
more. "Leave your ship, leave your
father, leave your wife, leave your friends
and follow Me. A call that summons
men to surrender is likely to be a healthy
and true call."

"Simon," called Peter, and Andrew, his
brother," left their nets and followed
Christ. You may say that was very
little. It was their all.

Have we ever left anything for the
Saviour? There have been men who have
not counted their lives dear unto them
that they might follow and serve Christ.
But that is not sacrifice. What have
We done or given up or suffered for Him?

There is a popular impression that the
small number of "decisive battles" of the
world has lately been increased by one.

March has its own brands of weather,
and reserves the privilege to vary them
according to its own peculiar whims.

Public sympathy has amounted almost
to indignation over the rumor that the
Beef Trust is not making money.

Kuropatkin writes briefly and right to
the point when he is telling the Czar
how he didn't stay there.

The glare from the burning Virginia
plant beds is a little delayed this year,
but it is glaring all the same.

A Harvard student has just died from
overstudy, a disease so rare no physician
could do anything with it.

Russia is now trying to acoustom her-
self to looking at Manchuria from the
Japanese point of view.

Kuropatkin now appears to be caught
between bases. Old ball players will ap-
preciate his feelings.

Even the glory of a masterly retreat
seems to have slipped through Kuropat-
kin's fingers.

Spring does not want to be butting in
too soon now and spoiling the prospect
for good fruit.

Mr. Fairbanks's presidential boom will
at least serve as evidence that he is
still there.

Wanted—A good sound investment for
funds recently earned in witness fees.—A.
Carnegie.

Russia seems to have lost everything
in Manchuria, even its grip.

Russia promised to evacuate Manchuria.
Maybe she will do it.

Only one Governor of Virginia is to
be elected this year.

Dr. Osler's Farewell Address to
the Sexagenarians.

Mortuaries salute! I salute you who
must die!

I salute the men who go to meet their
fate!

And I feel a passing cad if I feigned that
I felt sad!

In the light of my remarks of recent
date.

But you all may carry with you my
eternal gratitude.

And may tread like 'appy 'erces to the
grave.

Have no pity on the weak; let your
lives and children shrink—
for I've got a reputation you must save.

I was toastman at a dinner, and the
wine was flowing free.

And I tried the waiters deftly filled
my glass.

But I know that you aren't such as to
hint I took too much—
Why, Oxford wouldn't tolerate an ass!
But maybe I was rattled when I made
that odd remark—
Why I made it now, I hardly seem
to know—
You've observed that lots of fazy makes
a man a trifle dizzy;
Well—I said the men of sixty had to go.

How the papers caught the idea, how
the universities whooped it up!

Till I had to say I meant just what I
said;

That the old chaps were not worth their
standing room upon the earth.

And that is why I want to see you and.
But I'll not give you any more freedom in this
matter than you use:

Take arsenic or gas or Paris green;
Or (to say no more o' form), why not
use the chloroform?

The neatest, sweetest method I have
seen.

No, I'm not going with you—I'm sur-
prised that you should ask.

Of course, the rule does not apply to me.
Why, in very simple truth, I've still got
a lot of youth.

As I know that almost any one can see,
I'm not going till I have to—you can bet
your hat on that—
I'm not sixty, and my life is not yet
through;

My years are four or five before my
obsequies arrive—
And I think I'll change my mind be-
fore they do!

A Plea for Robins.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
"Sir,—Will you use your influence and
that of your paper to attempt to stop or
at least check the cruel and wanton de-
struction of the robins which flock to
us during the spring months? These
pretty birds are not grain-eating birds, but
feed on bugs and worms, and are the
best friends—in the bird line—that the
farmer and gardener has. They are too
small for eating. Other birds are pro-
tected, why not the robins?"

G. FROXY HAWES.
Richmond, Va.

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What the Virginia Newspapers
Have to Say of it.

State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson has
at last yielded to the entreaties of his
friends from all parts of the State and
agreed to enter the race for Lieutenant-
Governor. An effort was made some time
ago to have him do this, but he positively
declined. Since then renewed efforts
have been more successful and in Sun-
day's papers appeared a short statement
from him announcing his yielding and
agreeing to become a candidate.

It is not surprising to the other can-
didates to say this determination of Mr.
Ellyson will meet with universal approval
from the people of Virginia, irrespective
of party, cliques, combines or as to whom
may be favored for any or all of the
other offices. Speaking for ourselves
alone, and with due respects for the other
candidates, we really think that with the
graceful yielding on their part to with-
draw from the race and permit Mr. El-
lyson to have the place as a free will offer-
ing from the people of Virginia, whom
he has served so faithfully and so long.
—Blackstone Courier.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, State chair-
man of the Democratic party of Virginia,
has announced himself a candidate for
Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Ellyson has, perhaps, given more of
his time and means in the service of his
party than any other man in the State,
so far without reward. In the language
of the Hon. Harry St. George Tucker,
"He is the unworried hero of twenty bat-
tles."

The Democrats of Virginia are much in-
debted to Mr. Ellyson for his valuable
services, and we feel like this position of
honor should be given him without ques-
tion.

The office of Lieutenant-Governor is a
post of honor with but little salary, and
if Mr. Ellyson is willing to serve the
party and the State in this capacity, it
ought to be given him. Then, too, if the
office of Governor should become vacant,
he would be the best qualified for the high-
est position in the gift of the people of
the State.

There are a number of deserving Dem-
ocrats who have announced themselves
as candidates for this position, but they
have a right to aspire to the honor, yet
under the circumstances, and in view of
the fact that Mr. Ellyson has rendered
his party such distinguished and valu-
able service, would it not be the nice
thing for them to withdraw from the
race, and let us give the nomination to
Mr. Ellyson without question?

We believe that the Democratic party
of Virginia should give the nomination
to Mr. Ellyson without question.

Having formerly given public expres-
sion to our desire to vote for that high-
toned Christian gentleman and faithful
party worker, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson,
not only to stand for the nomination,
but with extreme pleasure that we
learn he has consented to yield to the
pressure brought to bear upon him from
all parts of the State and become a
candidate for the second place, but since
his decision has been reached, we desire
to be among the first to take our po-
sition heartily and enthusiastically in
favor of his nomination for Lieutenant-
governor.

Aside from his well known worth as
a man and citizen, Mr. Ellyson's claims
upon the Democratic party as its inde-
fatigable and successful leader for years
past are so strong as to make his nomi-
nation a question, not only of expediency,
but of simple right and justice, and
should he be left to receive the suffrages of
the Democrats of Virginia in his candi-
dacy for the lieutenant-governorship, it
would be an illustrious and gross in-
gratitude and a distressing failure to re-
ward true merit.

It would be extremely becoming as we
view the matter, for all three of the other
candidates to withdraw from the race
and for Virginia Democrats to choose by
acclamation as their candidate for Lieut-
enant-governor, their tireless, invincible
and intrepid leader, Hon. J. Taylor Elly-
son.—Southside Sentinel.

Mr. Ellyson has been State Chairman of
the Democratic party of Virginia for
many years, during which time his
faithful efforts have resulted in a suc-
cessful campaign for the party, and
the Democrats of Virginia will see to
it that his faithful service is rewarded.
During his long service as State Chair-
man he has never before asked to be re-
warded, and his asking now seems equi-
valent to his nomination.—Culpeper Ex-
ponent.

With pleasure we note the announce-
ment of Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, of Rich-
mond, that he will be a candidate before
the Democratic